who have been given consular access, 60 have been released after nationality verification. Nationality of another 64 prisoners has been verified, and they are awaiting release by Pakistani authorities.

The humanitarian matter related to prisoners is high on the agenda of the Government. The issue of early release and repatriation of Indian civilian prisoners in Pakistan's custody has been taken up consistently with Pakistan at all levels. The matter was discussed during the visit of the President of Pakistan to New Delhi on 16-18 April 2005. The matter was also raised during the visit of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to New Delhi on November 23-24, 2004 and during the visit of the External Affairs Minister to Pakistan on February 15-17, 2005. Government is continuing its efforts to secure early release and repatriation of all Indian prisoners in Pakistani jails.

Pakistani President's views towards APHC

396. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Pakistan has once again stated that the All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC) is the only true representative of the people of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what is the position of democratically elected Government in Jammu and Kashmir in the eyes of Pakistan and other countries;

(d) whether Pakistan also feels that the APHC should be directly involved in the discussions between India and Pakistan on the Jammu and Kashmir issue; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) During the visit of the Hurriyat leaders to POK and Pakistan in June 2005, President Musharraf had stated that the Hurriyat are the true representatives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a democracy like India, the true representatives of Jammu and Kashmir are those elected by the people of Jammu and Kashmir through the democratic electoral process. The question, therefore, of accepting any group of people claiming unfounded representative character does not arise.

Pakistan has asked on several occasions inclusion of the so-called true representatives of the Kashmiri people in the dialogue process. The dialogue process, including the deliberations on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir is a bilateral dialogue between the two Governments. The Government of India represents the people of India, including the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Government has, repeatedly, also declared its willingness to talk to anyone, including those who lack representative character, as long as they are ready to give up the path of violence.

Terrorist training camps in Pakistan

397. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI R. KAMARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that terrorist training camps in Pakistan have again become active;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have photographic evidence of the same;

(c) whether Government have taken up the issue relating to terrorist training camps in Pakistan with the Government of Pakistan;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government of Pakistan; and

(e) the likely impact of this on the process of improving relation between India and Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) A number of terrorist camps have been reactivated in Pakistan. The Government has, in its interaction with Pakistan at all levels, continuously stressed the fact that Pakistan has so far not taken any significant action to dismantle the infrastructure